Unit Load Devices

The Unit Load Device (ULD) Partnerships Area of Involvement is one of the 6 Boards established by Resolution under the Cargo Services Conference.

Each Board is an airline-only group overseeing the strategy and direction of standards development and implementation within a specific area of cargo services. The Board may also create subgroups to work on specific areas of standards.

The ULD area manages the development standards and guidance related to ULDs including specifications, handling, training requirements. There are also two subgroups advising the ULD Board on the operational and technical aspects of ULDs.

Designed for

- ULD and ULD accessories manufacturers
- Cargo Loading System manufacturers
- Aircraft manufacturers
- ULD leasing/pooling/tracking service providers
- ULD maintenance and repair organizations
- Ground Support Equipment manufacturers
- Warehouse facility providers
- IT system providers

Areas of Activity

- Develop and maintain the standards and procedures concerning the specifications, handling, restraint and maintenance of ULDs
- Promote the worldwide recognition, adoption of, and adherence to the IATA ULD Regulations
- Develop and promulgate the IATA Standard ULD Training Programs

Committees and Working Group Structure

- Ensure the use of standard IATA ULD ID Code format as well as administer the allocation of ULD Contour Codes
- Liaise with the standard organizations such as ISO and SAE as well as civil aviation authorities such as CAAC, EASA, and FAA to ensure international standards and regulatory requirements are aligned and harmonized
- Develop standards for the application of automatic identification technology (e.g. bar coding, RFID) to ULDs
The ULD Board is established to develop and maintain standards, recommendations and procedures concerning the specifications, handling, restraint and maintenance of ULDs and to promote the worldwide recognition, adoption of and adherence to those standards and procedures. The ULD Board normally holds two face-to-face meetings and regular web conferences annually. Members of the Strategic Partnerships may participate in the face-to-face meetings.

The ULD Technical Advisory Group (ULDTAG) and ULD Operational Advisory Group (ULDOAG) provide recommendations to the ULDB:

ULD Technical Advisory Group (ULDTAG)

The ULD Technical Advisory Group (ULDTAG) is established as a permanent ULD Board (ULDB) subgroup. The objectives of the ULDTAG are to provide technical recommendations to the ULDB on the development of technical standards as well as clarification on the regulatory requirements for ULD/accessories to facilitate airworthiness and flight safety compliance. The ULDTAG shall consist of not more than 20 members from airline ULD engineers, ISO/SAE representatives, invited CAA representatives responsible for ULD/accessories TSO certification requirements as well as members of the IATA Strategic Partnership Program (SPP) in ULD Area ideally from manufacturers of aircraft, ULD/accessories, Temperature Controlled Container (TCC), Fire Containment Cover (FCC)/Fire Resistant Container (FRC), Cargo Loading System (CLS) and ULD repair stations. The ULDTAG attends the ULDB face-to-face meetings and web conferences.

ULD Operational Advisory Group (ULDOAG)

The ULD Operational Advisory Group (ULDOAG) is established as a permanent ULD Board (ULDB) subgroup. The objectives of the ULDOAG are to provide operational recommendations to the ULDB on the IATA Industry Standards, Resolutions, and Recommended Practices relating to all aspects of ULD/accessories handling and operations including ULD training and audit requirements to ensure the superior performance of ULD in providing safe, secure, efficient cargo, mail and baggage transportation. The ULDOAG shall consist of not more than 20 members representing their area of expertise in all aspects of ULD handling and operations as well as training and audit programs. The group shall ideally include stakeholders from airlines, ground service providers, freight forwarders, airports, invited CAA representatives as well as members of IATA Strategic Partnership Program (SPP) in ULD Area. The ULDOAG attends the ULDB face-to-face meetings and web conferences; the ULDOAG may hold its own web conferences if deemed necessary.

Exclusive Benefits

Cargo Notifications
Receive industry notifications on broad spectrum of areas including Customs and Security requirements, Cargo Safety and Operations standards, development in Cargo EDI messaging specifications, Cargo Tracker, etc.

Cargolink Subscription
Strategic Partnerships members receive a complimentary premium listing in IATA’s Cargolink, the cargo supply chain’s most comprehensive online business directory.
Additional Strategic Partnerships’ Benefits

Branding
- Recognition as a valuable supporter of IATA and the air transport industry
- Inclusion in the IATA Strategic Partnerships online directory
- Exclusive usage of the IATA Strategic Partnerships logo
- Promotion through the electronic quarterly newsletter, the Partner Brief, viewed by thousands of aviation industry contacts
- Monthly posting of Strategic Partners’ press releases on the IATA website

IATA Clearing House Discount
Strategic Partners receive a substantial discount upon joining the IATA Clearing House:

The IATA Clearing House (ICH) provides the means to settle all the billed items sent to and from airlines around the world. Used by more than 400 airlines either directly or via special links, the ICH settles around USD 50 billion of interline billings every year. Its efficiency is so great that airline cash and settlement requirements are reduced by around 75%, and risks for all participants are minimized.

Courses
Strategic Partners may attend, at a reduced fee, IATA training courses.

Strategic Partners may receive 55% discount on the first 2 seats per year to any IATA classroom course (subject to availability).

Recommended courses:
- Cargo Skills & Procedures (Classroom, 5 days)
- Air Cargo Management (Classroom, 5 days)
- ULD Operations (Classroom, 3 days)
- ULD Train the Trainer (Classroom, 5 days)

Events
- Partners may receive discounted delegate fees for attendance of IATA events
- Partners may receive discounted rates for IATA event sponsorship

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Publications
Partners may purchase publications at a preferential rate,